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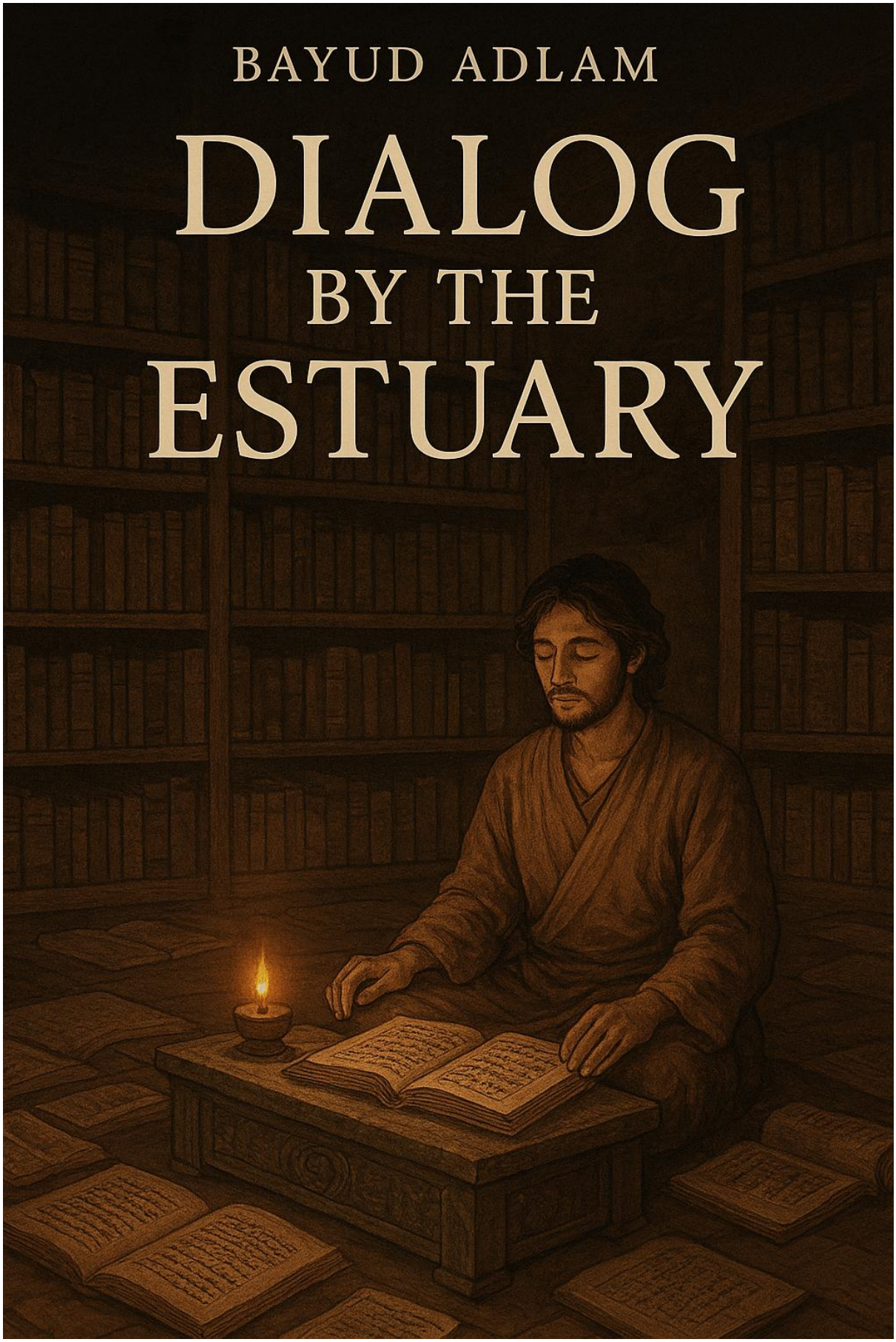

The Old
Library at the End of Silence

In a corner of the world that is not listed on any map—where time flies by like the smoke of incense rising timidly—stands an old library. The building is composed of stones that seem to remind yourself not to collapse, while the roof is supported by teak wood blocks that have heard too many human prayers, oaths, and silence for thousands of years.

Inside, the typical smell of an ancient library—a mixture of soft dust, book covers, essential oils, and ink that is barely drying—floats like the scent of memories. The high shelves towered, tightly arranged up to the ceiling, filled with manuscripts from all over the world: Egyptian papyrus scrolls, books from the Indus valley, silk manuscripts from China, Persian parchment sheets, to Javanese palm leaves carved in delicate script like the whispers of the ancestors.

The oil lamp was dimly lit. The light swayed slowly, as if afraid to wake up the writers of the past who were asleep behind every page.

In the middle of the room sat a young man named **Jayanantaka**.

He sat cross-legged on the old wooden floor, surrounded by a pile of manuscripts that towered like a mountain of knowledge that was demanding to climb. His hair was a little messy, his cloak wrinkled by the sleepless nights, but his eyes lit up with the calmness of a traveler who was beginning to find his way.

In front of him lay a stone table carved with Javanese cosmological symbols: circles, cardinals, and mountain carvings. On the table, an open palm appeared the old sentences he had just translated:

"Whoever wants to know where he comes from, must be ready to be led by invisible voices."

Jayanantaka smiled faintly.

"Invisible voices..." he muttered. "If only I could talk to those who have shown the way for mankind throughout the ages."

He sighed deeply, wiped the dust that clung to his palm, and then closed his eyes for a moment. He was not praying; He was listening. There was a subtle buzz from the old walls around him—like the echoes of conversations from thousands of years ago.

The Chinese manuscript sheet rustled slowly. The silk scroll swayed as if it was hit by a non-existent wind. The carving of Javanese lontar is faintly shiny, as if it has just been touched by the sunlight from a time that has been lost.

Then, something in that silence changed.

The air becomes a little heavier, a little deeper. It was as if the old library responded to Jayanantaka's heart's call. It was as if the guardians of the wisdom of the world—who were said to have been long gone—were standing by his side, waiting to be called.

Jayanantaka opened his eyes.

And among the shadows of the bookshelves that stretched like endless corridors, he felt... no, **he knew**—that the journey to the great dialogue on the "Edge of the Estuary" was about to begin.

In the silence of the ancient library, the world is preparing to reveal the oldest wisdom mankind has ever possessed. And Jayanantaka—with all his ignorance, all his curiosity, all his courage—will be his witness as well as his copyist.

That night, the big story began to move.

CHAPTER 1 — Timeless Meeting Rooms

A white hall with no sky and no floor. There are no walls, but the characters feel comfortable as if they are sitting on bamboo bales.

"Scarlett (sighs) and I was like, 'Why did I wake up all of a sudden? He said he wanted a big meeting about the 'origin of all things'. "What is a karmic audit?"

Odin (tapping Gungnir's spear to the invisible floor): "This is not a meeting. This *is the Thing*, a gathering of sages across the world. And I hope no one throws lightning except me."

Krishna (smiling calmly): "Calm down, O Odin. We came not to war, but to share."

Ame-no-Uzume (jumps up and down while humming): "Wow! This is the first time there has been a philosophical meeting whose invitation is not to ask for a prayer of salvation first."

Buddha (gentle): "For all who are present here have gone through suffering and pleasure. It's time to talk about the roots of reality."

Confucius: "I hope everyone obeys the manners. Even without a chair, we can still be polite."

Laozi (laughs softly): "If there is no chair, then the chair and its absence are part of the Dao."

Socrates: "Well, I just want to ask one thing: who started the discussion? Because I want to ask again after that."

Muhammad (peaceful, shaded): "Start with the closest to the core of the human quest: *where do we come from?*"That is why

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1. Where Do We Come From?

Krishna: "We come from the Immortal. The soul is a small spark from the ocean of cosmic consciousness. We come down into the world not to get lost, but to play a role."

Buddha: "I agree that there is continuity, but do not consider the existence of an eternal 'me'. What we call ourselves is simply a series of cause-and-effect without a beginning that can be designated."

Odin: "In the Nordic world, beings are born from the cosmic giant Ymir and the spark of Muspelheim. Chaos gives birth to order. And order gives birth to obligation."

Shirley said: "In Java, people come from the same source. Not from a lender. Life is a different story, and we play differently."

Ame-no-Uzume: "In Shinto, we believe we are part of *who we* are—the holy energy that permeates everything. Even in flip-flops that often disappear on the side."

Socrates: "Interesting. But how do we make sure it's all right without asking? And if the question is endless, can the origin be known?"

Muhammad: "There is one thing that can be confirmed through revelation: man comes from the One Creator who knows and deliberately creates all things. It's not a coincidence, it's not a game either."

Confucius: "What matters about origin is not the details, but how understanding them leads us to become better human beings."

Laozi: "The origin is the unspeakable Dao. To mention the origins is already limiting the infinite."

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2. What Do We Live For?

Socrates (immediately raised his hand): "I started first: to live in search of the truth. Life without being tested is not worth living."

Buddha: "Live to understand suffering, and then free oneself from it."

Krishna: "Live to live the dharma—one's cosmic obligation—without tying oneself to the outcome."

Muhammad: "Life is a test to know God, to do good, and to uphold justice. Reward and deeds determine the journey after death."

Confucius: "Live to build harmony. If someone fixes himself, his family is good. If the family is good, the country is peaceful."

Laozi: "The purpose of life is to follow the flow. Not pushing, not resisting, just flowing."

Semar: "Life is simple: ojo dumeh, ojo kagetan, ojo gumunan. The important thing is to be aware and vigilant. If you can do that, I'm more grateful."

Odin: "We live for honour. Even the gods knew they were going to die during Ragnarok—what matters is how we stood before the destruction."

Ame-no-Uzume: "And live to dance too! Serious but don't be too serious. Human sorrow is often due to forgetting to laugh."

Imhotep (just raised his head after taking note of something): "In the teachings of ancient Egypt, it was to prepare oneself so that the heart would be lighter than the feathers of Ma'at. If the heart is heavy, we are immersed in darkness. If it is light, we are united with eternity."

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3. All Look to Semar

Scarlett (Scott): "Why do you want to kill me? "I'm just a teacher, not a teacher."

Socrates: "But you represent the wisdom of the people. And the most ancient wisdom is often sharper than the academy."

And he said, "Death is a mystery, death is a mystery, death is a mystery, and death is a mystery." If you make it complicated, you'll lose your sandals."

The whole figure chuckled—even the Buddha smiled widely.

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4. Closing of Chapter 1

Muhammad: "We have started well. In the next chapter, we continue about how to live life. Each brings a different way, but all lead to good."

Odin: "Okay. But in the next chapter I want to talk about courage."

Ame-no-Uzume: "And I'm talking about happiness!"

Buddha: "I am talking about freedom from desire."

Semar: "I spoke after eating first. An empty stomach is a confused mind."

CHAPTER 2 — How to Live Life

The hall without the room is now changing. In the middle appeared something resembling a small circular stage, like a village deliberation place, but illuminated by a soft light that came without a source.

Semar was sitting while snacking on boiled beans that came from nowhere.

Shirley: "Okay, let's talk about it. Long live Angel. If it's not difficult, it means the wrong address."

All the figures stared in confusion.

Socrates: "I would like to ask—what is the definition of 'angel' according to Semar?"

Semar: "That angel... Yes, Angel. It's easy to explain."

Socrates immediately sat down with an expression of philosophical frustration.

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1. Krishna: Living Life Like a Cosmic Dance

Krishna arose, his face as clear as the water of the Yamuna river.

Krishna: "Life should be lived as *a lila*, a sacred dance. Everyone has a role, and that role should be played wholeheartedly without getting attached to the outcome. If you do your duty sincerely, life becomes light."

Odin raised an eyebrow: "But what if that obligation leads to war?"

Krishna (smiles): "If war is the way to maintain justice and protect life, then that is also part of the dharma."

The Buddha nodded softly but said: "But it is better if one learns to see the root of the conflict within him before he draws the sword."

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2. Buddha: Living a Normal Life

The Buddha closed his eyes for a moment, then spoke calmly.

Buddha: "Live life with the awareness of the temporary nature of everything. Uncontrollable desires cause suffering. But that doesn't mean life has to be rejected. Life must be lived in balance—the *middle way*."

Ame-no-Uzume immediately applauded: "The middle way is good—but don't go too far, it won't move at all."

The Buddha smiled, for the first time looking amused: "That is why wisdom needs to be paired with compassion and humor."

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3. Confucius: Living a Life of Manners

Confucius arranged his robe in advance (although his robe was not dusty).

Confucius: "Man must live in order. If everyone improves their morals, then the world will be in order. Start with yourself, then family, then society."

"Your family is very stubborn," he said.

Confucius: "Then you must be more patient than they are."

Semar: "Well... That means I'm going to have to be honest with you."

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4. Laozi: Living Life Without Coercion

Laozi walks leisurely as if walking down a green hill in ancient China.

Laozi: "Life must be lived with *wu wei*—acting without coercion. Like water: soft but able to erode stones. If you follow the flow, you don't have to push destiny. Fate will come to you."

Odin narrowed: "That sounds like lazy."

Laozi: "Lazy is when you don't follow the Dao. Flow is wisdom."

Socrates raised his hand: "But how do we know that we are following the flow and not simply shirking responsibility?"

Laozi: "If your heart is calm, you know. If your heart is troubled, you are imposing."

Socrates noted something while muttering: "It contains a delicious paradox."

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5. Socrates: Living Life by Asking

Socrates stood up with enthusiasm.

Socrates: "A good life is a life that is examined. Ask: is my actions just? Is my mind clear? Am I living according to virtue?
By asking questions, we erode ignorance."

Ame-no-Uzume: "But asking too many questions can make others dizzy."

Socrates: "True. So I asked softly."

All the figures looked at each other and held back laughter.

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6. Odin: Living Life with Courage

Odin tapped his spear once, his voice deep.

Odin: "Life must be lived with courage. The world is hard. Even the gods are not immortal. Courage is what keeps us going even though we know the end of all stories."

Scared to death: "Is it possible to be scared that you can't live?"

Odin: "Fear is natural. Courage is to walk in the face of fear."

And he said, "That is close to the meaning of patience."

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7. Muhammad: Living Life with Faith and Charity

The atmosphere was silent when **Muhammad** spoke.

Muhammad: "Life is an opportunity. The best path is one that combines faith, goodwill, righteous deeds, and justice.
Humans are not perfect, but humans can improve themselves. The best is the most beneficial. And the best of men is that whose heart is clean from pride."

Semar nodded solemnly." Right. Proud people can't be helped. Humble people easily enter the heart."

Ame-no-Uzume: "But you have to be able to laugh, right?"

Muhammad smiled: "A cheerful face is charity."

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8. Ame-no-Uzume: Living Life with Joy

Ame-no-Uzume jumped into the center of the circle, full of energy.

Ame-no-Uzume: "Life is not just about the weight of the burden, but about opening the door of light. Dance, singing, humor—these lift the human heart. Sadness without laughter will turn into despair. Meaningless laughter becomes empty. So balance the two."

Buddha: "You are right. Even in meditation, a faint smile can change the whole mind."

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9. Imhotep: Living Life with Clarity of Heart

The ancient Egyptian figure spoke last.

Imhotep: "We live our lives to balance our hearts. If the heart is full of lies, grudges, or greed, it becomes heavy. If the heart is honest, upright, loving, it becomes light. So this life is the process of sculpting the heart to conform to Ma'at—cosmic truth and order."

Socrates looked at him in awe: "It is very much in line with the search for virtue."

Scarlett: "A liar."

Conclusion of Chapter 2

After all spoke, the room turned into a green garden with a warm breeze.

Sanders said: "Life is not easy, but everything that is right must have elements: patience, sincerity, clear thinking, courage, respect, a little humor."

Ame-no-Uzume: "And don't forget to dance!"

Odin: "And do not be afraid of the storm."

Confucius: "And don't forget ethics."

Buddha: "And do not be bound."

Krishna: "And don't forget to play your part."

Muhammad: "And do not forget to do good."

Socrates: "And do not stop asking."

Imhotep: "And do not weigh the heart with lies."

All the characters smiled at each other.

CHAPTER 3—On Love, Dharma, and Ethics

The meeting room is now transformed again—like a bamboo hall floating over a clear river. The water flows slowly, soothingly. Seven cranes, three crows, and one bird of ignorance (which Semar calls *birds)* perched around.

Semar rubbed his stomach: "Well, now it's the turn of the most difficult topics: love, obligation, and ethics. Love makes people happy, but sometimes it makes you stupid."

Socrates: "Ah, well! Let's start with the second point: what is 'stupidity'? Because I want to ask—"

Shirley said, "It's a fool's errand to have a crush on someone who obviously doesn't like you, but still chases after you and makes a three-page poem."

Krishna laughed softly: "That's not stupid, Semar. That' s *a misdirected devotion*."

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1. Krishna: Love as Divine Wealth

Krishna stood up, a gentle aura bouncing off his face.

Krishna: "Love is a divine energy. The soul can only return to its Source through love. In *the Bhagavad Gita*, love is not just a feeling, but a union. True love is not coercive, it is not demanding. It flows like a river to the sea."

Buddha: "But being too attached to something you love will give rise to dukkha."

Krishna smiled: "That's right. Inherent love is lust. Liberating love is love."

And then there are the two kinds of love: the one who clings to the one who clings to the one who accepts it. (The inherent and the relinquished).

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2. Buddha: Love as Compassion

The Buddha sat quietly.

Buddha: "The most powerful love is *metta*—compassion that does not choose.
He does not say, 'I love you if...'
He only says, 'may you be happy.' Such love does not depend on retribution, does not depend on appearance, does not depend on time."

Ame-no-Uzume: "But humans love to be in love, jealousy, drama. How is that?"

Buddha: "It can all be a mental exercise. Jealousy is an opportunity to understand attachment.
Drama is an opportunity to understand the ego.
Any sense can be a teacher."

Shirley: "What if you broke your heart?"

Buddha: "It's an opportunity to be wise... or buy ice cream first."

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3. Confucius: Love as a Responsibility

Confucius rubbed his beard.

Confucius: "The best love is the love that keeps order. If you love your father, respect him. If you love your mother, serve her. If you love your partner, treat him with loyalty. Love must be embodied in actions and ethics."

Shirley: "So you just want to say 'Love' and 'Love'?"

Confucius: "It is not love. It's just the wind passing through the mouth."

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4. Laozi: Love as Tenderness

Laozi spoke softly.

Laozi: "True love is soft as water. It permeates without force. Water never competes, but it is capable of touching everything. If love is hard and there are many conditions, it's not a Dao."

Odin (frowns): "But in the Nordic world, love often comes with anger."

Laozi: "It's not love. It's ownership."

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5. Odin: Love as Courage and Promise

Odin spoke with loud authority.

Odin: "In Asgard, love is an oath.
An oath to protect, not to abandon, and to stand together when the storm comes. Love is the courage to face the future together, even if the future is dark."

Krishna raised an eyebrow: "And what if the oath is broken?"

Odin: "Then Thor's hammer will... ah, no need to discuss. The bottom line: don't play with your heart."

Shirley: "Haha, take note, note."

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6. Muhammad: Love as Grace

The room became warm when **Muhammad** began to speak.

Muhammad: "Love is mercy. In life, love is the foundation of charity, sacrifice, loyalty, and kindness. True love strengthens, not weakens. True love guides, not misleads. Love for God is the source, and love for man is a reflection."

Socrates: "So love is knowledge too?"

Muhammad: "Love requires knowledge so as not to get lost, and it requires faith so as not to waver."

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7. Socrates: Love as an Advisor of Wisdom

Socrates stood with his chin in his hands.

Socrates: "In *the Symposium*, we refer to love as the impulse towards goodness and beauty.
Man loves because he is lacking, and he wants to improve himself. Love is a great teacher. It reveals who you really are: good, bad, or delusional."

Semar: "Love is a mirror. I think it would be nice to have a party that looks more attractive.
It turns out that it is not his face, but his feelings that are glossed over."

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8. Ame-no-Uzume: Love as Cheerfulness

Ame-no-Uzume dances little.

Ame-no-Uzume: "Love should be cheerful too! If love makes your face wrinkled, it means that you have the wrong crush or the wrong way. Love must lift the soul, not immerse it."

The Buddha smiled: "Cheerfulness is the path to openness of heart."

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9. Imhotep: Love as Cosmic Balance

Finally, **Imhotep** spoke.

Imhotep: "In ancient Egyptian tradition, love was the force that unites the worlds of the living and the dead. Love is the energy that fills the heart. If the heart is balanced, it can be accepted by Ma'at. If the heart is full of love, it becomes light."

E.g.: "Is it true that the weight of the heart is heavy?"

Imhotep: "If the baper is because of true love, it is light. If the baper is because of ego, he is heavy."

The Final Part of Chapter 3—On the Dharma and Ethics

After discussing love, the characters turn to moral obligations.

Krishna: "Duty is your role."

Buddha: "Duty is your inner practice."

Confucius: "Duty is your social order."

Laozi: "The duty is to follow nature."

Socrates: "The duty is to seek virtue."

Odin: "Duty is honor."

Muhammad: "Duty is your responsibility before God."

Ame-no-Uzume: "Duty also includes smiling."

Imhotep: "The duty is to maintain the balance of your heart."

Scarlett (Scott) said, "Love is light. Ethics is the Way. The Dharma is a duty. Life is a stage, love is the light, ethics are the rules of the game, the dharma is the act. "You have to do the right thing, and the end result is not going to be easy."

All the characters laughed and agreed.

CHAPTER 4 — On Suffering and Happiness

The meeting room turned into a green hill with a dim sky. A cold wind blows. The characters sit facing the sun that is about to set, as if nature invites them to explore the dark and light side of life.

Semar sat in the front with a grimace.

Shirley: "It's a difficult topic—suffering and happiness. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. Example: Eating spicy chili sauce. It's a bit of a pain in the ass, but it's delicious."

Socrates stared away, really trying to make sense of the statement." I... I have to reflect on that."

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1. Buddha: The Source and End of Suffering

Buddha was the first to speak up.

Buddha: "Suffering exists because of desires that are not in harmony with reality. We want the eternal in things that are not eternal.
But suffering is not punishment—he is the teacher."

Odin: "Cruel teacher."

Buddha: "Sometimes yes. "The teacher is honest."

Shirley: "How do you get rid of pain?"

Buddha: "By understanding oneself, calming the mind, and freeing the heart from attachment. True happiness comes from a peaceful mind."

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2. Muhammad: Suffering as a Test and an Opportunity

Muhammad spoke peacefully.

Muhammad: "In life, there are sufferings that come as a test, and some come as a result of man's own deeds.
Patience, prayer, and good deeds are the way to deal with it.
Every difficulty must be accompanied by ease. And suffering is not in vain if it makes the heart softer."

Confucius: "Facing difficulties with honor is the key to piety."

Cons: "If you keep complaining, what's the point?"

Muhammad: "Complaints darken the heart. Gratitude illuminates."

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3. Krishna: Suffering as a Level of Liberation

Krishna smiled softly.

Krishna: "Suffering comes when we forget our identity as immortal souls. We attach ourselves to things, to praise, to results. When the bonds are loosened, all that is left is freedom."

Socrates: "So happiness is not in what we have, but in what we understand?"

Krishna: "Exactly. Wisdom is happiness."

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4. Confucius: Suffering as a Failure of Harmony

Confucius stared straight ahead.

Confucius: "Suffering arises when man is not in harmony with his role. If the king is denied, the people suffer. If the child is disobedient, the family is in chaos.
Suffering can be prevented ethically and morally."

Semar: "Well... But the reality is that a lot of suffering comes from bosses who like to make strange rules."

Confucius: "That is why leaders must be moral."

Semar: "That's right. But finding a moral leader is difficult to find flip-flops next to it."

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5. Laozi: Suffering as a Disharmony with the Dao

Laozi spoke slowly.

Laozi: "Suffering arises when we go against the current. We reject change, reject age, reject reality. While the Dao flowed endlessly.
Happiness comes when we take off our hands and go with the flow."

Odin: "Then what about the struggle? Life is not a calm river for the fighters."

Laozi: "Even soft water can crush stones. Flowing doesn't mean giving up."

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6. Odin: Suffering as Part of Honor

Odin stood up valiantly.

Odin: "In the Nordic world, suffering is not something to be avoided.
Suffering is a part of life.
Heroes are not looking for pleasure, but courage.
The happiness for us is to fight with a firm heart, even though we know that Ragnarök is coming."

Socrates nodded: "That's an interesting perspective: happiness as fortitude."

Semar: "Wow, it's suitable for people who often get work deadlines."

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7. Socrates: Suffering as Ignorance

Socrates spoke while leaning on his knees.

Socrates: "The greatest suffering is ignorance. If you don't know what's right, what's good, what's worth doing—you're suffering.
Happiness comes from a clear understanding."

Ame-no-Uzume raised her hand: "But Socrates, the one who is in love, has clear knowledge?"

Socrates was silent for a long time." I... need to have further discussion about that."

The characters laughed.

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8. Ame-no-Uzume: Suffering as When We Forget to Laugh

Ame-no-Uzume jumping-jumping.

Ame-no-Uzume: "A lot of human suffering comes from things that don't really need to be responded to too much.
Sometimes you just need to dance, or laugh, or rest.
Happiness is not always a big thing, but it can be as simple as a small song."

Buddha: "That's right. Laughter can open a closed heart."

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9. Imhotep: Suffering as an Imbalance of the Heart

Imhotep spoke with the calmness of an ancient healer.

Imhotep: "Suffering is a sign of imbalance: mind, body, or soul. If the heart is full of lies or excessive desires, it becomes heavy.
Happiness comes from a heart that is in harmony with Ma'at—truth, order, and cosmic justice."

Scarlett: "Is it too much of a hassle?"

Imhotep: "That means the heart needs a break from the ego."

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10. Semar: Suffering and Happiness Nusantara Version

Finally, all eyes were on Semar.

Semar: "Well, it's my turn.
Suffering is like a thorn—sometimes it is necessary to keep you from going the wrong way.
Happiness is like a breeze—it comes for a while, but your grandmother is thankful that it feels enough."

Ame-no-Uzume: "So simple?"

Shirley: "Yes. Life is hard, but it doesn't have to be harder.
"The key to happiness: don't be surprised, don't be surprised, don't be surprised, don't forget to eat."

Odin: "I agree with the last point."

Conclusion of Chapter 4

The sky turned a perfect orange. Each character feels like they've just understood a new side of suffering and happiness.

Buddha: "True happiness does not depend on what we have."

Krishna: "Happiness is harmony with the true soul."

Muhammad: "Happiness is a grateful heart."

Confucius: "Happiness is a harmonious life."

Laozi: "Happiness is following the flow of nature."

Socrates: "Happiness is understanding what goodness is."

Odin: "Happiness is courage."

Ame-no-Uzume: "Happiness is laughter."

Imhotep: "Happiness is a light heart."

Shirley: "That's right. The most important thing is to get enough sleep."

The characters laugh — a fitting conclusion to this chapter.

— WHAT DO WE LIVE FOR?

"The Purpose of Life: Between Seeking the Truth and Finding Snacks"**

The once quiet discussion room has now turned into a cosmic night market. Semar is burning corn, Odin tries to blow the horn of his drink even though it is empty, Socrates is busy interrogating anyone who passes by, while Krishna holds a flute while smiling peacefully.

Muhammad entered at the last and immediately sat quietly.
Confucius tidied up his beard.
The Buddha smiled softly, as if just waiting for questions to come to him.
Laozi slept half sitting peacefully, but somehow still looked wise.
Amateru, the wise Shinto monk of your choice, sits while drawing small circles in the air.
Nzinga, an elder woman from an ancient African tribe, sits upright with her carved staff.

Semar tapped his dipper on the table:

Smackdown:

"Well, the next question... *What do we live for?* I personally live to find the best fried foods in the three worlds, but maybe you all have other opinions."

Muhammad

"Life is a mandate. The goal is to know God, do good, and be a blessing to fellow creatures. Every action is an opportunity to plant goodness. And life is not just about oneself, but about relationships: with God, with others, and with oneself."

Scarlett is stunned." I'm also a grace, but more of a grace in the kitchen."

Krishna

"Life is long—a sacred game. We came into the world to play a role. Some became kings, some became shepherds, some became clowns, and some—" (glancing at Semar) "who were indeed born to make the gods laugh."

Semar nodded proudly.

Buddha

"The purpose of life is not outside, but inside. To understand suffering, let go of attachment, and achieve enlightenment. Life is an opportunity to see reality as it is, not through the lens of desire."

Odin grumbled: "Then my life failed. I'm attached to the drink."

Confucius

"Life is carrying out a moral role. To be a human being who is in true contact with family, society, and the sky. If everyone lives by virtue, the world becomes orderly."

Semar raised his hand." If there are so many families like me, how about Mr. Teacher? My children are nine hundred."

Confucius: "... That's a big homework, Semar."

Laozi (get up for a moment and speak softly)

"Life does not need to be sought for a purpose with tension. It flows like water. Water doesn't think about meaning, but always comes to the destination."

Semar immediately snapped: "But the water in my rented house often dies, Laozi!"

Laozi smiled casually: "It's not the water that's wrong, it's PDAM."

Socrates

"The purpose of life is to seek the truth by asking endlessly. A life that is not examined is a life that is not worth living."

Nzinga tapped the floor with his wand: "Continue to ask until the apocalypse?"

Socrates: "More or less so."

Amateru (Shinto figure)

"Life is harmony. We are not separate from nature, but part of the energy dance. The purpose of life is to maintain harmony with spirits, with nature, and with oneself. If your life is messed up, the wind and water in your body will be messed up."

Semar murmured: "My stomach deserves a reckless wind."

Nzinga (ancient African figure)

"Life is a journey of the spirit. We are born from the spirits of our ancestors and return to them. Our task is to make the path brighter for the generations after us. Every action leaves a mark on the ground and on the soul of anyone who comes after us."

Semar applauded: "Wow, that's good. I remember my children who existed all the way to the modern edition of wayang kulit

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Odin

"Life is an honor. The purpose of a human's life is to do something that makes the gods nod proudly. And if possible, leave a saga that will be told for hundreds of years."

Semar: "If all that's left is debt? Told as well?"

Odin: "... better not to."

When All Talk Together

Semar raised his hand." I conclude yes, because otherwise we can stay up late for three days:"

- Muhammad → lived to know and spread goodness
- Krishna → life as a role-playing cosmic game
- Buddha → live to understand and release suffering
- Confucius → lived to uphold social virtue
- Laozi → live to flow with nature
- Socrates → live to ask incessantly
- Amateru → live to maintain spiritual harmony with nature
- Nzinga → live as part of the ancestral spirit journey
- Odin → lived for honor and a great story

Semar added: "And I, live to snack."

Everyone laughed.

Conclusion of Chapter III

In that laughter and chat, the cosmic space felt warm. A variety of views that look different complement each other like the colors of a rainbow in rainwater.

CHAPTER IV — HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LIVE OUR LIVES?

"The Living Recipes of the Wise Men of the Seven Continents and the Seven Heavens"**

The meeting was reopened with the sound of a spoon hitting a wooden cup—a typical sign of Semar. This time the dish is a warm tea that can somehow be brewed in a cosmic space that doesn't have a kitchen.

Semar says:

"In the previous chapter, we talked about the purpose of life. Now let's discuss: *How do we live this life?* But please don't answer too long, the Buddha will rush to nirvana first."

The Buddha just smiled.

Muhammad — The Way of Life with Balance

"Living life means following the middle path: continue to worship but work hard, take care of the heart but also take care of the family, seek knowledge while spreading goodness. A good life is a balanced life between this world and the hereafter."

Semar immediately said: "I have tried to live a balanced life. Balance between eating and sleeping."

Krishna — Live the Role Without Being Tied Down

"Live according to your dharma. Do your job wholeheartedly, but don't get attached to the results. Work without tying yourself to praise or disappointment to failure."

Socrates raised an eyebrow." So work without expecting a salary?"

Krishna smiled: "Not so. If it is not paid, it is not dharma but fraud."

Buddha — With Full Awareness

"Life must be lived with full attention to the breath, steps, and thoughts. We suffer because our minds run to the past or the future. When conscious in this moment, the heart becomes free."

Odin nodded deeply, then immediately purred for being too relaxed. Semar patted him, "Is this consciousness or sleep, Din?"

Confucius — An Orderly and Polite Life

"A good life begins with oneself: do what is right, speak the truth, be respectful to the elderly, be arrogant to the young, and be fair to anyone. If every individual improves himself, the country will be organized."

Semar suddenly sat neatly with his hands folded." Is this the case, Mr. Teacher?"

Confucius nodded proudly.
But a minute later, Semar neatly took the fried bananas." I'm sorry Teacher, my neatness doesn't cover my stomach."

Laozi — Flowing Like Water

"A life that is forced will not be happy. Let things go according to the Tao. Simple, quiet, not overdone. Like soft water but carved stones."

Semar: "My water didn't go to the stones. At least just carving laundry."

Laozi smiled unperturbed." If your laundry is clean, that is also a virtue."

Socrates — A Questionable Life

"Live life by constantly examining your thoughts, your assumptions, and your desires. The one who thinks he knows when he does not know is the furthest from wisdom."

Nzinga sneered: "If you keep questioning, how do you have time to enjoy life?"

Socrates: "Good question. Let's study—"

Semar hurriedly interrupted: "No! It will be three chapters on its own."

Amateru (Shinto) — Living in Harmony

"Live with subtle feelings: listen to the wind, watch the movement of the waters, feel the presence of guardian spirits around you. If your mind is in harmony, your life is not complicated."

Semar closed his eyes, trying to feel something. Then he said: "I feel... The smell of fried tofu."

Amateru nodded without surprise." If it calms you down, that's harmony."

Nzinga — A Life That Strengthens the Next Generation

"Life is not just about the day, but about the trace. What you do should make your grandson stand taller. True life always asks: *Does this make the earth and man stronger?*"That is why

Odin immediately stood up." I love that! Strong descendants!"

Pros: "I have a lot of friends, but they are very different. Some are strong in eating, some are strong in sleeping."

Nzinga raised her wand and smiled: "The important thing is that they are not strong enough to cause trouble."

Odin — Life as Adventure and Courage

"Live life with courage. Challenge yourself. Enter the dark forest, climb to the top of the mountain, face your fears. Your saga won't be written from the couch."

Semar raised his hand: "But if the sofa is very soft, what about it?"

Odin let out a long sigh." That's life's most cunning enemy: comfort."

Semar — Conclusion ala Punakawan

Semar stood up, his stomach shaking slightly like a small wave.

"So, the way to live life according to these sages can be summarized as follows:

- Muhammad → balanced: good for God, man, and self
- Krishna → perform the role without the burden of results
- Buddha → conscious of every breath
- Confucius → self-order, the world is orderly
- Laozi → don't force, flow
- Socrates → don't be lazy to ask questions
- Amateru → in harmony with nature and spirit

- Nzinga → make a mark that strengthens generations
- Odin → fight fear, live a big life

And I, Semar, applied it all with a simple method: eat
enough, sleep enough, and not trouble others."That is why

All nodded. Even the Buddha chuckled, Odin pounded the table, and Krishna blew a short one-note flute as a sign of approval.

End of Chapter IV

Cosmic space feels fluid, warm, and thoughtful.
Each character gives a different color, like an instrument in an ancient orchestra that blends into harmony.

****CHAPTER V — WHAT'S AFTER DEATH?**

"When the Wise Talk About the End, But Semar Is More Busy Making Sure There Are Snacks"**

The discussion room was suddenly quieter than usual. Even Odin didn't blow his horns. The topic of death has always made all creatures, from gods to punakawans, at least *silent for a while*.

Semar stood up and said:

"Well, this topic is heavy. But don't be strained. Remember, death is not a foreign thing. We've all slept soundly and woke up without remembering anything. The only difference is that if you die... Yes, build a different version."

Krishna laughed. Socrates looked excited—the topic of death had been his favorite for a long time.

Muhammad — Death as Displacement, not End

"Death is the door to the next life. This world is a field, the hereafter is the harvest. Every human being will be accountable for what he grows. There is absolute justice—nothing is missed, nothing is miscalculated."

Semar murmured: "May my charity administration not be scattered."

Muhammad smiled." Nothing is scattered. Even your intentions are recorded."

Krishna — Reincarnation and Continuation of the Dharma

"There is no true death. The dead are only the body, like the clothes that are taken off. The soul takes on a new body according to its karma, until it is finally liberated and returns to the Source."

Odin frowned." "So if I'm naughty, can I reincarnate into a goat?"

Krishna smiled: "If the naughty is very creative, maybe a goat with horns is very cool."

Buddha — Death as a Change of Condition

"After death, consciousness moves according to the energy of action during life. There is no moving eternal being, but a series of causes and effects that continue. The Enlightenment ends this cycle."

Semar glanced at the Buddha." That means I'm... causal chain?"

The Buddha replied softly: "We are all like that, Semar."

Semar sighed dramatically: "My life feels like a long soap opera."

Confucius — What Matters Is Not His Speculation, But the Good Life

"I'm not talking about things that can't be ascertained. But one thing is certain: honor your ancestors, live righteously, and you will be well remembered. A good death is when your name brings good to the next generation."

Odin gave Confucius a gentle high-stunt." This fits with the Viking principle."

Laozi — Back to Tao

"Death is just a return to origin. Like dew that returns to clouds. There is no need to be afraid of what is indeed part of the natural way."

Semar raised his hand: "Laozi, if I go back to nature... Which part is it?"

Laozi replied with a casual smile: "Maybe it will come back as a gentle breeze... or the aroma of fried onions."

Semar was very happy with this answer.

Socrates — Death is the Separation of the Soul and the Opportunity for Learning

Socrates stood authoritatively:

"Death is the separation of the soul from the body, and it liberates the soul from worldly distractions. If after death there is nothing, it is like sleeping soundly without dreams. If anything, then it is a new opportunity to dialogue with wise souls."

Semar brandished: "So death is a win-win?"

Socrates nodded firmly: "Exactly!"

Amateru (Shinto) — Join the Guardian Spirit

"When a person dies, he returns to us—the spirit that guards his family and his land. As long as our lives are in harmony, after death we continue to help the world from the other side."

Semar gets goosebumps a little." If I were a ghost, I would be a kitchen keeper."

Amateru agreed without hesitation: "That's noble too."

Nzinga — Return to the Ancestors

"In my place, death means going home. Nothing really left. Ancestors are present in the wind, in tree roots, in dreams. They walk with us. Death only opens the door to the invisible side of the world."

Odin was moved." It was so beautiful."

Odin — Valhalla and the Eternal Battle

"The one who dies with honor will go to Valhalla: a place of endless feasts, with battles every morning and banquets every night."

Semar was immediately enthusiastic: "Is there a fried party?"

Odin smiled: "If you come in, you can ask."

Semar Takes Over

Semar stands in the middle:

"If summarized, the answer is this:

- Muhammad → after death there is a new life, full of justice
- Krishna → soul changes body until it is free
- The Buddha → a continuation of cause and effect, until he stops at enlightenment
- Confucius → important to remember for good
- Laozi → back to Tao, as calm as water
- Socrates → either sleep in peace, or eternal discussion
- Amateru → be a guardian spirit
- Nzinga → return to the ancestors
- Odin → endless parties and adventures
- And I, Semar → hope that the kitchen will remain open"

Everyone laughed—even the Buddha chuckled lightly.

Closing Chapter V

The mystery of death does not create a tense atmosphere, but it presents the realization that differences in beliefs do not erase one universal thing:

All believe that death is not an absence, but a change.

And from the end of the cosmic sky, Chapter VI begins to call:

"What is the supreme reality?"

****CHAPTER VI — SUPREME REALITY**

"When the Wise Dissect the Essence of the Universe, and Semar Suspects Something Hidden Behind the Clouds"**

The cosmic space this time was softly illuminated, like a mist pierced by the morning sun. A big topic awaits: **What is the ultimate reality? What is the most fundamental behind all existence?**

Semar lifted up a thin tablecloth, peeking down." Just make sure the ultimate reality isn't hidden under the table."

Socrates rolled his eyes. Odin held his spear, as if the supreme reality could be stomped out of another dimension.

Semar welcome.

Muhammad — The Supreme Reality is the One God

"The supreme reality is God, the only one who does not depend on anything and the place on which everything depends. He is not a part of nature, not an object, not a being. He created everything out of nothing and stayed close without being bound by space."

Snoop Dogg: "That means we're all ... side effects of His goodness?"

Muhammad smiled: "We are His creation who have been given the honor to know Him."

Krishna — The Supreme Reality is Brahman: Pure Consciousness

"Everything is a form game. The essence of it all is Brahman: the infinite consciousness, the light that reveals all the light. All souls are sparks from it, like the waves of the ocean."

Semar: "So, if I am a wave, why do I often feel like meatballs?"

Krishna laughed: "It's maya—the illusion of a temporary identity."

Buddha — The Supreme Reality is Voidness: A Full Emptiness

"The supreme reality is not a figure, not a substance, not an entity. It is the emptiness of a fixed existence. Everything arises from a series of conditions. Emptiness is not emptiness, but space for all possibilities."

Odin looked confused." Empty but full? It was like my beer glass this morning."

The Buddha smiled softly: "Similar, but not exactly."

Confucius — The Supreme Reality is Tian, and Virtue is the Way

"I don't speculate much about the form of metaphysics, but I know Tian—the Sky—to be the source of morality and the world order. The highest reality is seen from moral harmony, not from abstraction."

Semar: "So the highest reality can be seen from a person who has a conscience?"

Confucius nodded: "That's right."

Laozi — The Supreme Reality is the Inexplicable Tao

"The highest reality cannot be named. Once named, he is no longer the highest. The Tao is the formless source, the Mother of all things. It flows in leaves, rivers, whispers of the wind, and is silent behind silence."

Semar tried to follow: "So Tao is like... "Is it the universe?"

Laozi opened one eye and smiled softly: "That's a pretty creative explanation."

Socrates — The Supreme Reality is the Eternal Truth

"Behind the changing world, there is a world of ideas: truth, justice, goodness, which does not change. It is more real than the physical world. Our souls know it first, and then forget it when it is born."

Nzinga nodded." So we are all immigrants who have forgotten their memories?"

Socrates smiled: "More or less."

Amateru (Shinto) — The Supreme Reality is the Glory of Presence (Kami)

"Behind all forms there are *us*, innumerable divine spirits. They are not God in one form, but sparks of divine presence everywhere. The supreme reality is not a single point, but a network of light."

Semar winked: "Does your Lord mean like the lights of the city?"

Amateru: "If it makes you understand, just take it as it is."

Nzinga — The Supreme Reality is Life Itself

"We believe the supreme reality is *Nyama*—the cosmic breath that gives life to all beings. Humans, animals, rivers, trees, wind—all have a part of one great spirit. That's why harmony is not an option, but an obligation."

Semar was stunned." So even grass has a spirit part?"

Nzinga replied firmly: "Yes. That's why don't step carelessly."

Semar quickly lifted his legs.

Odin — The Supreme Reality is Destiny and the Power That Flows in Everything

"For the Vikings, the ultimate reality is *the wyrd*—the web of destiny that the Norns woven. It cannot be resisted, but it can be faced with courage. And above all, there was an ancient power to which even the gods were subject."

Semar: "So the gods also have bosses?"

Odin sighed: "Don't be reminded... Yes."

Suddenly, Semar Stands Up

Semar swung his fan in the air." Let me conclude a little, so as not to be confused:

- Muhammad → the supreme reality: God Almighty
- Krishna → Brahman: infinite consciousness
- Buddha → Voidness: a void full of possibilities
- Confucius → the moral order of Heaven
- Laozi → Tao: an unspeakable source
- Socrates → an eternal world of ideas
- Amateru → our light network
- Nzinga → the cosmic breath that gives life to everything
- Odin → a web of fate that even gods can't avoid

And I said...
The supreme reality is the one that makes us pause for a moment, then smile.
Whether it's consciousness, God, Taoism, ideas, or the smell of fried onions."

Everyone chuckled.
Even the cosmic silence felt warm.

"About Fear, Ego, and Why We Often Argue About the Truth"

Space: The same imaginary hall, as before—a mix of heaven and earth, the smell of warm tea, and unclear chairs of what dimensions.

The characters sit in a circle, preparing to enter a more "down-to-earth" topic.

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1. Socrates Begins By Piercing One Question

Socrates:
Friends, I would like to open the conversation with one simple question that is very disturbing to human life:

"Why is man so afraid of being wrong? Even though life is a series of mistakes before we know anything."

Snoop Dogg (Smiling) - That's it, Socrates. Many people are afraid of being wrong because they have never met a teacher who teaches that *wrong is part of the right that is not ripe.* The important thing is not to repeat the mistake.

Buddha smiling softly:
Fear arises from attachment. If a person is attached to his or her self-image—wanting to appear the most righteous, most understanding—then mistakes are like a storm that hits the fragile house of the ego.

Krishna:
Yes, that's right. The ego is the most convincing illusion. He is like an actor on stage who loves his role so much that he forgets that he is not really that.

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2. Odin Interrupts With Viking Wisdom

Odin (tapping his staff) :D the land of the North, the knights were taught: fear is natural, but refusing to learn from fear is humiliation. In Valhalla, the heroes laugh at their mistakes—they laugh at themselves while sharpening their swords.

Don
't get me wrong, Odin. here in Java, what is sharpened is the heart, not the sword. A sword that is sharpened will smash through the purse.

Everyone laughed.

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3. The Prophet Muhammad Talks About His Deepest Fear

Prophet Muhammad (SAW):
Fear of wrongdoing, fear of loss, fear of the future—all of that is human. But if man believes that life has a purpose, a direction, and God does not abandon His creation, then the fear is weakened.

When a person believes that God is All-Knowing, then he dares to admit ignorance.

Socrates nodded quickly:
Aha! So we're in line!
The awareness that we do not know is the foundation of all knowledge.

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4. Laozi Enters With A Sentence That Makes Everyone Silent For 3 Seconds

Laozi:
The more a person wants to always be right, the further he moves away from the truth. Water doesn't claim to be strong, but it hollows out the rock.

Confucius:
But don't forget, people who are too soft as water can be swept away by a tsunami. Balance, Brother Laozi, balance!

Laozi smiled faintly:
Precisely that, a balanced person knows when to become a river, when to become a tsunami, and when to become a dew.

****5. Shinto Representatives Speak – Featured Figure: Motoori Norinaga**

(An 18th-century Shinto scholar and sage, famous for his study of Kojiki and his thoughts on *mono no aware*, but here he is present indefinitely.)

Norinaga:
In Shinto, we see that humans are afraid of making mistakes because they lose *kan'nagara*, the natural flow according to the will of the universe. When one lives in harmony with nature—with the awareness that things are constantly changing—then fault is not a blemish, but a rhythm.

****6. Ancient African Representative: Imhotep**

(Architects, physicians, philosophers and royal advisers of ancient Egypt before Christ.)

Imhotep:
In our land, people learn from their own shadows.
Humans are afraid of being wrong because their shadow is longer than their body when the sun is low. They exaggerate fears that are actually small.
But once the sun rises—when knowledge comes—the shadow shrinks.

Shirley:
That's a great way to get my hands on a lot of things but I don't have a lot of money.

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7. Getting into the heavy theme: "Why are we scrambling for the truth?"

Socrates:
Let's be honest—humans fight most often about "truth." Why is that?

Buddha:
Because man thinks that truth is an object that can be possessed. Truth is an experience, not a property.

Confucius:
Debate arises not because of truth, but because of character. An uneducated person, even if he holds the scriptures, will still argue like a child.

Muhammad (SAW):
Difference is mercy, if the heart is free. But when the heart is narrow, the differences become embers.

Krishna:
Forced truth is untruthfulness. The true one does not demand victory; He only needs clear vision.

Odin:
In our world, people fight for honor. But true honor is not winning debates—it's winning against oneself.

Laozi:
The highest truth does not even call itself "truth".

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8. Semar Gives Humor That Still Contains Wisdom

Semar:
Let me summarize... You are all great figures, but your words are the same:
man is busy fighting for the truth even though he himself is not finished inside.

The truth is like a slipper on the terrace. As long as they are worn to step, the sandals are correct. But if used to throw people, even the best sandals are a tool of crime.

Everyone was silent, then chuckled.

"The purpose of life: Do we choose it, find it, or are we created by Him?"

Space: The same imaginary hall, now a little warmer as if approaching a campfire. Thin smoke from fragrant incense floated, marking the entry of the deeper discussion.

All characters sit closer, a sign that the conversation will be more personal.

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1. Socrates Opens With A Question That (Again) Traps

Socrates:
We all come together to discuss a noble topic: **what is the purpose of human life?**
But before we go there, let me ask you...
How can man find a purpose in life if he does not even know who he is?

Semar:
Well, that's right. Many people find a purpose in life by asking others. Your own identity has not been taken care of, why do you want to get a blueprint for life!

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2. Buddha explains with a soothing analogy

Buddha:
The purpose of life is not something found like a gemstone in a cave. The purpose of life arises when the mind is clear, when suffering is understood, and when one realizes that helping others out of suffering is the highest form of happiness.

For some, the purpose of life is to be a lamp for other lamps.

Krishna nodded softly:
Right. The purpose of life is *dharma*—the sacred duty of every soul. And each person's dharma is different. Some are supposed to be teachers, some are helpers, some are guards, some are balancers.

Krishna:
What is wrong is when one tries to practice the dharma of another. It's like a bird wants to swim better than a fish. The end is stressful.

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3. The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) Emphasized the Main Direction

Prophet Muhammad (SAW):
The purpose of human life has been explained:
to worship God, in the sense of knowing, loving, and living according to His will.

God did not create man in vain.
But man often wastes himself in the pursuit of things that are not eternal.

Odin:
Aha! The same is true in the North.
The great hero is not the most powerful, but the one who lives with meaning—who is ready to give himself to something greater than the ego. For us, a meaningless death is a bad death.

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4. Laozi Offers a "No Coercion" Viewpoint

Laozi:
Life goals are not a project to be achieved. The purpose of life is **to flow** according to the Tao.The person who insists on finding a purpose will be further and further away from it. The relaxed person—who listens with the heart—will walk right on the path that the universe has prepared.

Confucius:
I agree... But please, don't overdo it so "flowing" until the lazy moves!
Humans still have to try.
Use common sense, use morals, use discipline. When all is done, the way of life will appear by itself.

Laozi smiled softly:
As usual, Brother Confucius...
You give structure to what I call spontaneity. Two sides are the same, only different entrances.

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5. Motoori Norinaga (Shinto) Talks About Nature's Will

Norinaga:
In Shinto, the goal of life is not to be holy like a god, but to be **sincere like a child**.
Sincerely feel, sincerely love, sincerely appreciate the beauty of life. It is from that sincerity that man will know his calling.

Purpose is not something we write about, but something we experience.

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6. Imhotep Gives a Perspective on Ancient Civilizations

Imhotep:
In ancient Egypt, we believed that every human being has *the essence* of life. The purpose of life is **to align ka with deeds**, so that after death, the soul becomes light when weighed.

The purpose of life is to bring order, not chaos. If your life makes the world a little more organized, it means that your life is going right.

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7. Semar Concludes With a Wise Play Style

Semar:
Wow, if you conclude from the words of these professors... The purpose of life is not about position, not about wealth, not about "success of the neighbor's version", let alone about "let the former be nyesel".

No, that's not it.

The purpose of life turns out to be similar to **the crater of candradimuka**:
everyone enters with a different shape, and exits is different. The important thing: going
out is better than in.

It's simple, but it's hard to forgive.

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8. Socrates Closes With a New Question

Socrates:
So we agree that the purpose of life is related to one's identity and one's path. But the next question arises:

How can man know that he is on the right path of life?
Are there any signs?

The characters looked at each other. Semar gulped down his tea. Odin swung his wand. Krishna smiled mysteriously.

The atmosphere indicates that the new chapter will be deepened.

"The Coming of Zarathustra: Testing Light and Darkness in Man"

Space: The imaginary hall remains the same, but suddenly it feels like there is a warm breeze from the East of Persia.

The dimension lights vibrate slowly.

Then...
DUAAAR—not an explosion, but a dazzling golden white light appeared in the center of the circle.

And Zarathustra **appeared**.

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1. Semar Immediately Welcomes With A Splash

O'BRIEN: How
did you come up with this one? Traffic jams? Or is the Persian calendar different hours?

Zarathustra smiled softly, his beard swaying in the metaphysical wind.

Zarathustra:
I am not late, O Semar.
Light always comes on time when it's needed.

Scott:
Wow... The answer is a philosopher! Lose me.

The other characters chuckled.

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2. Socrates Welcomes the Philosopher of Light

Socrates:
Zarathustra, we discussed where human beings come from, how life should be lived, fear, ego, and the purpose of life. We look forward to your point of view.

Zarathustra:
Well, let's start at the beginning:
The origin of man is a spark of light deposited into the mortal body.
Within every human being there is *asha*—cosmic truth—and *druj*—chaos and lies.

Humans are always in the middle of the pull of these two forces. Therefore, the purpose of life is not just to "live", but **to choose**.

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3. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) nodded in agreement

Muhammad (SAW):
It is true that man is given the ability to choose—between good and bad. And man is glorified because of that choice.

Zarathustra:
Yes, choice is the essence of morality.
Even the gods don't force humans. Light must be chosen to be meaningful.

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4. Buddha Asks in a Calm Tone

Buddha:
What if a person is not sure whether he is on the path of light or darkness?

Zarathustra: The
question is simple:
Does your actions bring good to life, or increase suffering?
What brings benefits to the world is light. What brings corruption, lies, or arrogance is darkness.

Krishna:
I like that.
Something is called dharma not because we like it, but because it benefits the entire universe.

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5. Laozi Gently Impregnating

Laozi:
Light and darkness exist in every human being like yin and yang. There is no need to hate, just be aware. The root of darkness is ignorance.

Zarathustra:
And the root of light is honesty.
Honesty is the sun in the soul.

Haha
, that's easy to say... Sometimes people lie to themselves, but sometimes they lie to themselves.

Zarathustra:
That is the deepest darkness, O Semar.
Lying to oneself is the door to all error.

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6. Confucius asked: "Then what do you think is the purpose of life?"

Confucius:
What do you think is the purpose of human life?

Zarathustra:
The purpose of life is **to raise the light within the self** until it shines on the world. There is no nobler duty than that.

And that light comes in three forms:

1. **Good thoughts**
2. **Kind words**
3. **Good deeds**

That's the trilogy of truth.

Imhotep smiles: It is similar to our principle of weighing the soul after death: a light heart is a heart that does not carry lies.

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7. Socrates Relates to His Big Question

Socrates: So, do
you think that the purpose of life is not something that is discovered, but *that it is formed*?

Zarathustra:
Exactly. The purpose of life is not written in stone, but is built every day through choice.

People who choose goodness carve out their life goals like sculpting mountains. The person who chooses lies destroys himself from within.

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8. Semar Closes With A Joke.

Semar:
Wow... then, the purpose of human life is similar to WiFi...

Odin:
What do you mean, O Semar?

Semar:
If the signal is strong—thoughts, words, deeds—life is clear. If the signal is weak, yes... Load Error Load

The whole hall laughed—even the Buddha was seen smiling wider than usual.

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9. Zarathustra looked at them all, then gave a final note

Zarathustra:
The light is in each of you. You just need to take care of it, not look for it.

And remember:
Darkness does not disappear with war, but with enlightenment.

"How does man know that he is on the right path of life?"

The atmosphere is getting deeper, but still with a sense of wise humor.

"Signs of the Right Way of Life"

The imaginary hall is now illuminated with a soft golden light. The characters sat with more serious expressions, but the atmosphere remained warm—as if the universe itself was listening.

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1. Socrates opens with an irony

Socrates:
We are talking about the right way.
But how can modern man know the direction, if his compass is often someone else's opinion?

Semar:
Yes, many humans now have a compass that is a netizen's comment. If you get praise, it is said that "I am on the right path". If you are scolded, you will immediately be upset for a week.

All the characters chuckled.

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2. Muhammad (SAW): The Right Path Marker is Consistent Goodness

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH):
The sign of a person being on the right path is when his life brings **goodness**, not only for himself, but for others.

There are three simple features:

1. **His heart was getting softer**, not harder.
2. **His morals are getting better**, not more rude.
3. **It brings calm**, not commotion.

People who are close to the truth do not feel the most right.

Socrates nodded quickly:
Amazing! People who don't know, are usually the most fussy to convince others. People who know, are calm.

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3. Buddha: The Right Path Attended by Peace

Buddha:
The next sign is inner peace. When a person walks on a path that is in harmony with the Dharma, he feels:

- suffering is reduced,
- anger weakened,
- wisdom grows.

And most importantly:
He stopped comparing his life to the lives of others.

Scott:
It's hard for someone to talk to me every five minutes.

The Buddha smiled wider.

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4. Laozi: The Right Path Is Not Noisy

Laozi:
The right path is like a calm river.
He doesn't show off himself—but wetting everything he touches.

If a person has to "shout" that he is right, then he is pushing, not flowing.

Confucius:
I agree, but don't forget:
Silence without action is also not the right path.
The truth must be seen in real deeds.

Laozi:
Unconscious action is not the way to go.

These two sages looked at each other with smiles—always with different styles, the same goals.

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5. Krishna: The Right Path Strengthens, Not Tires

Krishna:
If one is in his dharma, life feels light even though it is full of challenges. There is a sense of energy flowing—energy that comes from within, not from the ego.

When people feel forced, empty, or lost...
Perhaps he is practicing **the dharma of others**, not himself.

Imhotep replied:
It's like trying to wear Pharaoh's shoes even though they are three times bigger!

Shirley nodded loudly.

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6. Norinaga (Shinto): The Right Path Makes Us More Sincere

Norinaga:
According to Shinto tradition, the sign of a person being on the right path is when he or she returns to being **sincere**, like a child:

- Not harboring envy
- Not imposing a will
- Enjoying simple beauty
- Not afraid to love or do good

The truth makes the heart clear, not complicated.

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7. Odin: The Right Way Gives Courage, Not Brutality

Odin:
In the North, the mark of a person walking on the right path is courage.
Not to dare to attack—but to dare to admit mistakes, dare to change, dare to learn.

A true knight is the one who wins against himself.

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8. Zarathustra: The Right Way to Amplify Light

Zarathustra:
I add: The right path increases **the light** in oneself.

There are three signs:

1. A clearer mind
2. Words are truer

3. More beneficial deeds

If all three increase, then the light increases.

If one weakens, it is a sign of road revision.

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9. Socrates Sums Up Elegantly

Socrates:
So, according to all of you, the sign of the right path is:

- Widespread goodness
- Inner peace
- Sincerity
- Courage
- Honesty
- Flowing, not forcing
- And the light that grows from thoughts, words, and deeds

In other words:
The right path makes a person the best version of himself.

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10. Semar Closes With Touching Humor

Semar:
Then it's easy like this: If your way of life makes others cool, your heart is at peace, and God smiles... Yes, that's the right way.

But if your life path makes your neighbors uneasy, WhatsApp groups are noisy, and your wallet is thin...
Maybe it's not your way of life—it's the way of the rat.

All the figures laughed until Odin slammed his wand into the floor so hard.

"After Death: Where Do We Go, and What Is the Supreme Reality?"

The imaginary hall dimmed slowly, as if entering a quieter dimension. The scent of incense turns softer. The characters sit in a firm position, as if they know that this topic is at the heart of the entire human quest.

Semar, as usual, still held the teacup.

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1. Socrates Opens With Refreshing Honesty

Socrates:
Death is something that true philosophers have never feared—because it is only a transition from ignorance to knowledge.

But I want to hear everyone's point of view:
What happens after death?

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2. Buddha: Death is the Door To Another Consciousness

Buddha:
Death is not the end, but a continuation of the inner journey.
A person will be reborn according to karma:

- If he is full of hatred, he is born in a state of suffering.
- When he is full of compassion, he ascends to a purer realm.

But the ultimate goal is not birth anymore, but **Nirvana**—a state free from suffering and selfishness.

Scott:
Well, I think of it as a no-brainer, but I think it's a good thing.

Buddha:
Yes, more or less so—without any mental barriers.

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3. Krishna: The Soul Returns to the Source of Light

Krishna:
The body is dead, the soul is not. The soul simply changes the body like a person changes clothes.

For the soul who knows God, death is a return to the source of light. For those who have not, he returns to the world to study his dharma.

Zarathustra nodded:
Interesting. It is similar to our teaching: the soul must choose light.

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4. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH): The Realm of Barzakh, the Day of Retribution, and Eternal Life

Prophet Muhammad (SAW):
After death, man enters **barzakh**, the realm of waiting. And on the last day, all will be resurrected and resurrected.

The one who does good and believes towards the mercy of Allah. The one who does evil but does not repent will face the consequences.

Life after death is not a cycle, but **a continuation and perfect justice**.

Confucius:
It provides a strong moral structure.

Odin:
And honor.

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5. Odin: Towards Valhalla or the Darkness That Doesn't Sing

Odin (raising his spear):
For the knights of the North, death is the gate! Those who died with courage entered **Valhalla**—the hall of warriors. A man who lives in the dark without singing.

Scott:
A Viking Paradise is like a night market. He shouted a lot.

Odin:
That's right! Life is too short for a lonely paradise.

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6. Laozi: Death Is Back in the Tao

Laozi:
The so-called "death" is simply a change of form. Nothing is really missing.
It all goes back to the Tao—the ocean from which all things come.

What is afraid of death is the ego. The soul is not afraid, for it knows the way home.

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7. Confucius: Focus on the Good Life

Confucius:
I rarely talk about death.
For me:
If a person does not understand life, how does he understand death?

But I believe the ancestors welcomed those who lived righteously and preserved the honor of the family.

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8. Motoori Norinaga (Shinto): The Spirit Becomes Us

Norinaga:
In Shinto, the spirit of a person who lives sincerely and honestly can become **kami**—the sacred entity of nature that protects the next generation.

Death is not a disappointment, but a change of position in the universe.

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9. Imhotep: Heart Scales in Ancient Egypt

Imhotep:
We believe that after death, the heart will be weighed against the feathers of Ma'at—the symbol of cosmic truth.

If the heart is light, the soul goes to eternal life. If it is heavy because of a lie, it perishes in the dark.

Semar:
So a heavy liver is not because of cholesterol, right?

Imhotep smiled softly:
No, O Semar. Cholesterol is not hereditary.

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10. Zarathustra: Light Determines the End

Zarathustra:
For us, life is a moral war.
After death, the soul walks on the Chinvat Bridge.If it is full of light, the bridge is vast. If it's full of lies, the bridge is as thin as a hair.

Eventually towards the eternal light or darkness that decays the soul.

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11. Socrates Summed Up Elegantly

Socrates:
Interesting! Although the terms are different—Nirvana, heaven, Valhalla, Taoism, eternal life, light, ancestors—all agree that:

1. Death is not the end, but a continuation.
2. The present life determines the next life.
3. The supreme reality is far beyond body and matter.
4. Morality is a bridge to the future of the soul.

And most importantly:
Life must be lived correctly so that death becomes a homecoming, not lost.

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12. Semar Closes With Deep Humor

Shawn:
Well, after we all die, we all feel like we're going to have a big breakup.
The question is only one:
Do we go home via the light toll road, or do we enter a dark alley that is stuck for life?

All the characters laughed—even Odin wiped away tears.

If you want, we can move on to the next chapter:

"Supreme Reality: What is the supreme essence of the universe according to each of the figures, and is there a common ground?"

THE ARRIVAL OF ZARATHUSTRA

Semar had just finished taking a *sip of the cosmic ginger wedang* when a subtle thump—like the sound of fire lit in the distance—echoed in the air. The golden light broke through the thin fog between the circles of the sages. From within the light appeared a neatly bearded figure, wearing a simple white turban, with a clear gaze like someone who had been in dialogue with the holy fire itself for a long time.

ZARATHUSTRA:
Forgive me, brothers. The fire I was keeping was "a little bit stirred," so I had to calm down. But I've been listening to your conversations ever since—about the origin of all things, the purpose of life, the right path, and what awaits after death. That's my favorite topic.

SEMAR (patting thigh):
Lhoooo... This Is The Man! (Here's the guy!) Suppose you forgot to go to the cosmic meeting. Earlier we discussed about life, death, the highest reality... You are the only one who has not yet deposited an opinion.

ZARATHUSTRA (smiling softly):
Then let me summarize and add. You are all right... and all of you are not complete.

The sages simultaneously raised their eyebrows. Even the usually stylish Odin became rather serious.

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1. About the Origin of Everything

ZARATHUSTRA:
You discuss the origin of everything from a beautiful point of view—the One, the Tao, the Dharma, the Tian, the Brahman, consciousness, the void, the silence.
But let's not forget one important thing: *the origin of everything is not just a point, but a cosmic moral process.*

BUDDHA:
Moral process?

ZARATHUSTRA:
Yes. The universe doesn't just appear... But it is leading. He carries the message:
There are two eternal currents—Asha and Druj. Truth and lies. Harmony and chaos. Light and darkness.

KRISHNA:
Ah, similar to Dharma and Adharma.

MUHAMMAD SAW:
Or haq and void.

LAOZI:
Or yin and yang, but with clearer moral guidance.

ZARATHUSTRA:
Exactly. The origin of the universe is not just "from where," but "in what direction it is pushing."
And he always pushes toward light, order, courage, responsibility, and truth.

SEMAR:
So the universe is like... *Moral midwife*?

ZARATHUSTRA (laughs):
Exactly. Although I would never say it in such an interesting way.

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2. What We Live For

ZARATHUSTRA:
You discussed the purpose of life from many sides:

- Worship
- Liberation
- Balance
- wisdom
- Virtue
- Silence
- courage
- harmony with nature.

All of that is true... But let me emphasize something that is often forgotten:

Life is a personal moral battle.

Not against others, but **against the darkness** that lurks within:

- laziness
- lie
- jealous
- Malice
- doubt
- fear that cancels out goodness.

SOCRATES:
Ah, that is very much in line with the "war of the soul" that I discussed in the *internal dialogue*.

CONFUCIUS:
And with the *cultivation of virtue.*

ODIN:
And with the inner warfare of true warriors.

ZARATHUSTRA:
So the purpose of life can be summed up thus:

"To be an ally of light."
Every day, every action, becomes part of the cosmic battle to expand truth and goodness.

NEW
DELHI: This is a great opportunity for the Conservatives to win the election. "No corruption, for the sake of the light!"

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3. How to Live Life

ZARATHUSTRA:
This is the most important point. You all discuss your own paths: sharia, dharma, the eight paths, de, ren, dialogical philosophy, natural wisdom, Nusantara humor... Everything is beautiful.

But life should be lived by three simple principles:

(1) Think right

Use common sense. Clear the motive. Test every intent.

(2) Speak the truth

Don't ally with lies—even small lies that provide comfort.

(3) Act correctly

Not good enough to mean anything.
Goodness must be manifested in deeds.

BUZUGA (African sage):
Ah! It's like our saying: "Truth without action is just a long shadow."

LAOZI:
But you're a bit more active than Taoism.

ZARATHUSTRA:
Right. Light is not lived enough—it must be fought for.

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4. What's Wrong After Death

Other figures have already given the answer before: heaven, nirvana, Tian, Valhalla, silence, union with Brahman, union with the Tao, eternal wisdom...

ZARATHUSTRA:
I will simplify it:
After death, the quality of your soul will find a "home" equal to it.
No need for a detailed overview. Principle:

- An honest soul will be attracted to the light,
- A soul full of lies will sink into darkness.

This is not a punishment. It's moral gravity.

SEMAR:
You know, does it mean that the hereafter is like a magnet? The pros of pulling up, the disadvantages of pulling down?

ZARATHUSTRA:
More or less, but don't imagine it too physically. What matters: quality **of life determines post-life quality.**

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5. Ultimate Reality and True Knowledge

ZARATHUSTRA:
In the end, the supreme essence is not only God, not just silence, not just cosmic law, not just consciousness... but rather the **Living Light of Truth.**
He purified anyone who approached, and burned anyone who refused.

Ultimate knowledge?
Knowing which is right, then choosing it—even if it's difficult, even if it's painful, even if it's alone.

SOCRATES:
It was very "Socratic," but with the courage of fire.

MUHAMMAD SAW:
And that is the essence of trust and piety.

KRISHNA:
And the essence of karma-yoga.

BUDDHA:
And the essence of precepts and wisdom.

LAOZI:
And the essence of going back to the simple and true.

ODIN:
And the core of honor.

SEMAR:
And the essence of... *Neko-neko*! Honest, honest, but not surprising. (Don't be surprised!)

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6. Stomach-Shaking Cover

Zarathustra: Zarathustra, you were late, but you shut it all down right away. It's like a late wedding guest but straight to a speech.

ZARATHUSTRA:
Hehehe... I just go with the flow of conversation.

ODIN (lifting the bowl):
Alright, let's drink for the light!

SEMAR:
Wait! It's ginger wedang not mead! Don't think Valhalla style at all!

ZARATHUSTRA:
Don't worry, light can be present in warm ginger.

Shirley:
Well, that's a good one!

The whole circle laughed. The flame of light in their midst flickered—as if enjoying a simple yet meaningful cosmic humour.

NEW CHAPTER — *"How to Deal With Evil and Falsehoods"*
(With the arrival of Loki who... Not invited.)

The cosmic fog begins to thin as new topics roll in. Semar stroked his stomach and asked in a flat but meaningful voice:

Eric:
"Ladies and gentlemen, let's talk about the big issues: *crime* and *falsehood*. If you find a bad person, what should you do? Avoid? Why? Kick?"

All wise sit upright. This topic is not a joke.

But before Muhammad, Buddha, or Krishna could answer, there was a voice *of "PARK!"* like something exploded behind the curtain of reality.

Purple smoke appeared, swirling around like a child who couldn't be still.

Then he appeared.

The body walked out of the fog while twisting the stick, pointing at everyone like a failed class presentation.

LOKI:
"There was a meeting about crime without inviting me? It hurts! I'm *an* expert in that field."

ODIN (smirk):
"Loki... not the right time."

LOKI:
"It's never a good time for you, Dad. Or not a father? Or... Ah, mythology is sometimes confusing."

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1. The reaction of the sages when Loki appears

As soon as Loki enters the circle, all the reflex figures react:

- **Siddhartha Buddha** opened the palm. A golden blue aura appeared forming the *Buddha's Site*.
  Calm, soft... but able to stop a thousand soldiers.

- **Muhammad SAW** suddenly held *Zulfikar*. No one knew where the sword came from—maybe from angels, maybe from the moral space... What is clear is that everyone immediately fell silent.
- **Socrates** holds the impossible:
  Zeus' lightning bolt in his right hand, and **the rod of Hades** in his left. He looked surprised himself." I... just picked this up from... logic? Huh?"
- **Krishna** rotates the **Sudarshana Chakra**, a disc of light that cuts through the darkness like warm butter.
- **Odin** lifted **up Gungnir**, a spear that never missed. But his face was pale.
  Not because of Loki.
- **Zarathustra** lit a holy fire in his palm.
- **Buzuga**, the ancient African sage, gave rise to an obsidian spear that lit up like a kind of black-and-white lightning.
- **Seishi**, the Shinto sage of choice, summons the Kitsune spirit who stands with the feathers erect.

And Semar?

Semar...

Smerber is on the verge of tears.

It's really stinging.

Like a person who is preparing to withhold something from... "The Underworld."

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2. All cosmic weapons point to Loki... unless something is more terrible

Loki looked at them one by one.

LOKI:
"Oh, come on... It's funny! All of them were showing off sacred weapons! Seriously! You guys think you can scare me?"

ODIN (growls):
"I'm not afraid."

LOKI (pats his shoulder):
"But you look like that."

But as Loki stepped two inches closer, he heard a strange sound.

"Hooook... hhhh.... Clap... priiiiiiittt..."

All the characters stopped.

Loki looked at Semar.
Smurfs are still shaking... with a position that gives goosebumps throughout the cosmos.

ODIN:
"My son... retreat. I... I can't help you this time."

LOKI (confused):
"What is he doing? Magic? Special attacks? Ancient rituals?"

SEMAR (without turning his head):
"Patience yo... This is the most dangerous stunt. Don't get close. Don't want to try."

Loki swallowed a spit.
Not because of fear... But because he feels something irrational:

the deadly aura of Semar's moves.

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3. Serious Explanation: How to Deal With Evil

Loki finally sat down... Stay away from the Smurfs.

Muhammad SAW shrouded Zulfikar, Buddha lowered his steps, the figures relaxed their aura. When everything calmed down, the discussion began.

MUHAMMAD SAW:

"Evil is restrained by two things: justice and love. Firm in falsehood, gentle in man who can change."

BUDDHA:

"Crime is the result of ignorance. Treat the roots, not just the symptoms."

KRISHNA:

"Crime must be fought *with awareness*, not anger. The right war is the war to uphold the dharma, not the ego."

CONFUCIUS:

"Improve yourself and the community. Evil grows in the land where virtue sleeps."

LAOZI:

"Sometimes the best way to fight crime is not to provide fuel for its development."

SOCRATES:

"Falsehood persists because people don't examine themselves. Fight it with the right questions."

ZOROASTER:

"Evil is moral darkness. Fight with the light of honesty and right actions, without compromise."

ODIN:

"And if all else fails... Sometimes you need a spear."

BUZUGA:

"That's right. But the spear is only the end of a moral conversation, not the beginning."

Loki listened, muttering: "Lots of good theories. But in practice, you must have failed to stop people like—"

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4. Semar Solves Problems

Semar suddenly stood up straight.

Serious face. Narrowed eyes.
His hand raised one finger.

The wise men took a half-step back.

ALL (in unison):
"Don't—!!"

SEMAR:
"Calm down... I just want to talk."

Semar looked at Loki.

SEMAR:
"The... (Son...)
Evil can arise from three things:
ignorance, pride, or starvation.
Where are you?"

LOKI (glaring):
"I—I don't—I—"
He was at a loss for words.

Semar approached.

JAMES:
"Yes. Muscle spasms. The bad guys are not to be feared. "We are afraid of people who don't know what we are talking about."

Loki was glued.
All of his nosy aura was extinguished.

Scarlett (sighs)
"You're so cute, you know. "Your heart is not what it seems."

LOKI (slow):
"Why... You're not afraid of me?"

Shirley:
"I'm the Guardian of the Inner World.
The worst crime is the one that comes with it.
You?
He's still a stubborn kid."

Loki fell silent. Odin looked at Semar with a mixture of respect and... A little scared of the squirrels.

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5. Closing: Mutual Wisdom

ZARATHUSTRA:
"So, the essence of facing evil is: light, wisdom, firmness, and self-knowledge."

BUDDHA:
"And mercy."

MUHAMMAD SAW:
"And justice."

KRISHNA:
"And courage."

SEMAR:
"More... Don't forget humor. The worst people are if we are not afraid."

LOKI (blushed):
"I... will remember that."

ODIN:
"Thank you... Semar. Once again you saved this cosmic meeting."

SEMAR (shaking hands):
"Ah... Normal. The most important thing is that I succeeded... Nathan."

All wise are glued.

Loki jumped back.

Semar smiled faintly.

Scott:
"The hardest part of the job, Scott."

The whole universe laughed.

The discussion has just subsided. The wise men crossed again, the atmosphere began to calm down.

But serenity is something that never feels at home for long if *Loki* is around.

Loki's eyes narrowed. Hands move quickly.
A sly smile expanded.

In a fraction of a second...

Loki **snatched Gungnir**, Odin's holy spear, at a speed impossible even for the god of deceivers.

ODIN:
"Loki! Don't—!!"

Late.

Loki jumped into the air, spinning Gungnir like a golden storm, and directing him towards the circle of sages.

He shouted:

"Take a look... Is wisdom faster than chaos!"

Cosmic spears shot like lightning shattering nature.

And what happens next... making the entire universe hold its breath.

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1. The Miracles of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH

As the spear approached, a silvery-white light appeared instantly.

Zulfikar reappeared — undrawn, uninvited. Like having your own will.

ZULFIKAR SPLIT THE AIR.

And something strange happened:

Gungnir's spear stopped in mid-air. Quiet.
Chills.

It is as if the metal itself knows that it must not hurt a messenger of truth.

A gentle ray descends, calming the first mess.

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2. The Miracle of Siddhartha Gautama

But Loki wasn't done yet.

He created **a thousand illusions of himself**, each holding a similar spear, lunging from all directions.

Siddhartha only opened his eyes halfway... and smile.

The Buddha's palm touched the ground.

The waves of silence spread like a circle of water.

All illusions are instantly extinguished, like a broken film being cut.

There was only one Loki left, flabbergasted.

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3. The Miracle of Krishna

Loki tried to escape behind the purple portal, but **Sudarshana Chakra** flew out of Krishna's palm — not cutting,
not attacking,
but **slicing space**, closing all escape doors.

Loki was trapped in a holy circle, unable to get out, unable to create a new portal.

KRISHNA:
"You are playing on a stage that you do not understand, O impostor."

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4. The Miracle of Socrates

Socrates stood up... holding Zeus' lightning bolt and the rod of Hades.

He looked at Loki and said:

"Let's take a look at it, you."
Are your actions in harmony with your knowledge?"

Suddenly, **lightning and shadow** merge... not as an attack...
but as a *question* that forced Loki to face himself.

Loki screamed—not out of pain, but because **he saw his own true intentions**. And it was much more terrible than a physical attack.

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5. Laozi Miracle

Loki wriggled against the force, then tried to transform into a giant creature.

Laozi just sighed.

He shook the sleeves of his robe.

The world becomes light.
Gravity shear.
Dimensions soften.

All of Loki's transformations...
Suddenly it became an adorable little baby.

LAOZI:
"Sometimes the best way to paralyze evil is to return it to its original state...
innocent ignorance."

Baby Loki cried angrily—in a funny voice.

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6. The Miracle of Zarathustra

The holy fire came from Zarathustra's hand.

Not burning, but **purifying**.

The Flame of Asha sweeps over little Loki, making :

- The lie faded,
- illusion collapses,
- Revenge decays.

Loki returns to the form of a god. but it was bent over, losing its dark powers.

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7. The Miracle of Buzuga (African Sage)

Buzuga tapped his obsidian stick to the ground.

The *waves of the earth's rhythm* flow.

All the wild elements in Loki —
anger, envy, thirst for attention—
were pulled out for a moment into a black shadow.

The shadow screamed and then...
vanishes into the ground.

"Sometimes, in order to cure evil, you have to expel the cold spirit hiding in your chest."

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8. The Miracle of Seishi (Shinto Sage)

Kitsune spirits ran around Loki, blowing a wind full of good luck and clearance.

Negative energy can no longer cling to it.

Loki breathed...
clean of the chaos within him, for the first time in thousands of years.

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9. Finally... Squirt

Everyone stared at Semar.

What is the miracle?

Semar runs slowly...
Holding Loki's shoulders...
Looking at him like a father looking at a child who is wayward but can be loved.

SEMAR:
"The...
"Why did you steal your father's gun?"
You need to be lied to... Are you ready?"

Loki lowered his head.
His knees were limp.

There is no light. There is no lightning. There is no cosmic fire.

Just **Semar's words**.

Which is deadlier than a thousand weapons.

Because the miracle of Semar is this:

It makes enemies feel seen... until he could not hide from himself.

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10. Loki Surrenders

Loki knocked down Gungnir.The spear returned to Odin's hand by itself.

Loki sat down, his face pale.

LOKI:
"I... lose.
Not by your strength...
But by the fact that I don't know what I'm looking for."

Odin approached.
Holding the shoulder of his adopted son.

ODIN:
"That's the beginning of your real victory."

Semar applauded.

Shirley:
"I do. Importantly, the cosmic meeting did not dissolve. Let's get on with it."

End of the Story: The Majesty of the Wise and the Samadinya Semar

Silence descended slowly as the last spark of the miraculous impact subsided. Thin smoke swirled like a shawl of light that had just released its secret. Loki had gone—not defeated, but retreated by the power of the sages united, by his own father's affection, and especially by a little laugh that no one could ever interpret.

Now standing in the center of that circle were the great figures of the various ages, staring at each other for the last time before returning to their respective fates.

1. Krishna

Krishna took the first step. His long smile seemed to touch the whole realm.

"The Dharma does not belong to an age—it is the pulse that moves the galaxy. We are just the guardians."

A dark blue light lit up from his body, like a starry night. Then his body faded, returning to the sacred vibration of *Brahman*.

2. Socrates

Socrates stroked his beard with a chuckle.

"In the end, crime is just stubborn stupidity. The remedy is always the same: ask."

He turned the lightning rod and the spear of darkness that had been used for a moment, and then they both vanished with their forms turned into dust of light, as if the philosopher had returned to the *logos* himself.

3. Siddhartha Gautama

Buddha closed his eyes. The air became shaded, as if it was stuck with dew that fell silently.

"Everything that is born will return to silence. But wisdom never goes out."

His body radiated golden, then dissolved like a morning light that the horizon could not hold.

4. Muhammad

The Messenger of God patted Zulfikar's sword which was dim again.

"The true power is not in the sword, but in the heart that is not dazzled by the sword. *Grace* (affection) is sometimes soft-faced, but it can also be firm. Wisdom is knowing when to be gentle and when to be assertive"

His smile was soft. The desert breeze blew in an instant, bringing the scent of hot sand and the calm of the night sky. Then his figure faded in a wave of white light full of greeting.

5. Zarathustra

Zarathustra raised his hand, and the holy fire *of Atar* burned a few inches from the ground.

"Where there is a choice, that's where the light is tested. Humans are always capable of choosing the right."

The fire went up—forming a pillar of light—and the wise man vanished into it.

6. Odin

Odin looked at his son who was no longer there. He sighed deeply.

"All forces must submit to wisdom. Without it, it's just waiting for the moment to explode."

The crow passed, and Odin disappeared with his shadow, as calm as the fog over the cold fjord.

Silence descended. Stay in Semar.

One by one, the light went out. The wind is back to normal. The rumbling disappeared. There was only one figure left: **Semar**—a petite body, a distended belly, wet eyes that seemed to hold many untold secrets at once.

Semar walked over to Jayanantaka who was sitting cross-legged, his breath as calm as an old lake that never reflects a storm.

"Honey, all the smart people are gone. And now I have to leave you and my heart to you." ("Son, all those great scholars have gone home. Now it is only you and the depth that I have entrusted.")

He patted Jayanantaka's shoulder gently—a touch that seemed to open the door to another realm.

Suddenly Semar changed. Not a giant, not a god, not a hero—but a **silent majesty** that cannot be explained in human language. His body shone from within, like a cave that had kept the sun since the birth of the world.

His hair was like fog, his skin was like the soft land of Java, and his voice was like the prayers of the ancestors that never finished being said.

"Remember, Dul. Your samadi is not to run away from the world—but to light up the world."

With that, Semar lowered his head... And in an instant his body ducked down as if he was about to sleep, or like *a funny little sniff*, but this time it emitted an aura that made the entire universe hold its breath.

Then—pufff—it disappeared.

It didn't explode. Not realizing. But **it merges** with the meditation space of Jayanantaka, becoming part of the sacred silence.

End

Now there is only **Jayanantaka** sitting alone in his samadi, in an infinite space, surrounded by the echoes of the words of wisdom that have just been left behind by the great ones of the ages.

And from a distance, out of nowhere, Semar heard a small laugh:

"Okay, sweetie... Thank you for listening to the world." ("Already, son... Thank you for listening to the world.")

Then everything went silent again.

The curtain goes down. The story ends.